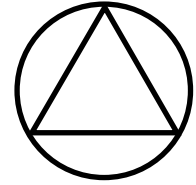


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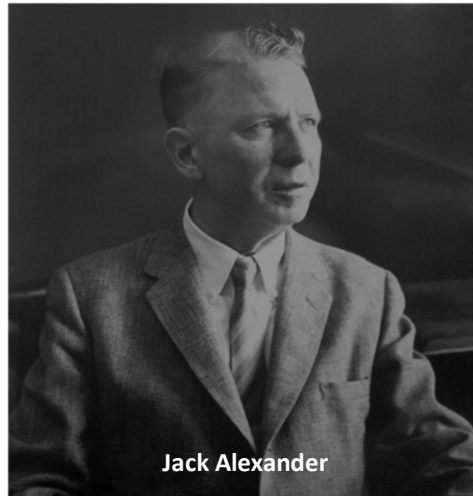
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### HISTORY FEATURE

#### OUR DEBT TO NON-ALCOHOLICS

I remember my first couple of years being sober at New Years. I would reflect on the past year and how grateful I was for not drinking. Without forgetting one day at a time, I would then turn my eye to the new year and the hope of making another year free from alcohol. I was so grateful for AA and it being here for me. My sponsor would remind me about the people before me who made AA possible. He would talk of AA and how it came to be. He would share the origins of our Fellowship and who played what role in the beginning. What each role had in common was a contribution to our success as a Fellowship. I slowly realized not only alcoholics help create this Fellowship; many non-alcoholics walked with us in the beginning. They amazed me. They did not have to do this to stay alive like us alcoholics do yet they gave a lot. From most things I have been told and from what I have read, some of these non-alcoholics actually believed in what was forming among us. Some would spend time, some a small amount of financial aid, and some would risk reputation.

One non-alcoholic that would come to believe in AA was Jack Alexander. His article in the March 1, 1941 Saturday Evening Post did more for our attraction



Jack Alexander

than any self-produced media could promote. Before the article, AA was society that was growing slowly and alcoholics were slipping through the cracks without knowing there was a way out. With the Saturday Evening Post article, the nation found out about us. It is estimated that we received over 7,000 inquiries and the

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*-Oni RS, POST Editor and Team*

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR



**INTERGROUP MONTHLY MEETING**  
**SATURDAY, FEB. 3, 2018**  
8:00AM @ LEGACIES GROUP  
3412 ATLANTA HWY, MONTGOMERY, AL 36109

**DISTRICT 8 MONTHLY MEETING**  
**SATURDAY, FEB. 3, 2018**  
9.30AM @ LEGACIES (NEW TIME)  
3412 ATLANTA HWY, MONTGOMERY, AL 36109

**FELLOWSHIP GROUP 21ST ANNIVERSARY**  
4:00 - 9:00PM  
TURENNE PHARMEDCO  
355 INDUSTRIAL PARK BLVD  
MONTGOMERY, AL

**ALABAMA/NW FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY**  
**APRIL 13-15, 2018**  
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1577 S. COLLEGE STREET, AUBURN, AL 36830

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fellowship tripled in size. On our AA website an article states that our first non-alcoholic secretary, Ruth Hock, wrote Dr. Bob on March 12 stating the "office had become swamped, 918 inquires in 12 days.

Jack was skeptical when he first began doing his research for the article. He stated in an Grapevine article (Grapevine 1945) that "All I knew of alcoholism at the time was that, like most other non-alcoholics, I had had my hand bitten (and my nose punched) on numerous occasions by alcoholic pals to whom I had extended a hand — unwisely, it always seemed afterward. Anyway, I had an understandable skepticism about the whole business." I can relate. I have been on both sides of that situation.

In February 1940 research for the article began in Philadelphia which was the headquarters city of the Saturday Evening Post. An A.A. pioneer moved there and through a chance meeting with Dr. A. Wiese Hammer. Hammer was a close friend of Curtis Bok, owner of the Saturday Evening Post. Hammer became a strong advocate of AA and this peeked Bok's interest. Bok suggested to his editors about an article on this new movement. Jack Alexander's desk ended up being the recipient of the suggestion.

Jack's introduction to A.A. was in the form of four A.A. members visiting his apartment one afternoon. He was not impressed with us by that meeting. He stated in later years that he thought the

four men a little grandiose and even thought them possibly actors sent to pull his leg. Fortunately for us he was a true reporter and decided to do some digging into our fellowship after meeting with Bill at the Alcoholic Foundation the next day.

For the next month Alexander spent time with Bill, Dr. Bob and other old-timers of the early groups in New York, Akron, Cleveland and other major cities. Bill recalls that when Alexander could feel A.A. in the very marrow of his bones, he began the article. When the piece was finished, he sent a copy to Bill and Bob to review. Only minor changes were mentioned by the two. Bill's main issue with the article was the Oxford Group. He did not want any implicit affiliation with the Group. A compromise was reached so the Oxford Group's presence in the article was minimized. The article was published and we saw a spike in request and membership that was unprecedented.

Jack Alexander remained a friend of A.A. In 1950 he wrote a follow up article titled "The Drunkard's Best Friend". It detailed what our fellowship had become. He served as Class A trustee from 1951 to 1956. His original article brought a way out of the alcoholic life for many who read the pages. Like many of us in the beginning, he was skeptical of this band of drunks but like all who remain in A.A. he came to believe in this way of life.

**HOME  
GROWN***Trei J., Strange Camels Group***Intergroup Minutes - January 6, 2018***continued from page 6*

Myles passed out reports and went over them. He noted that a check from Opelika bounced. He then briefly explained treasurer duties as his three year service is up.

8:36 Treasurer's Report Accepted

8:36 Hotline

Brett announced that there is an opening for Friday 7am to 7pm. He said he is shooting for March for a meeting. It was asked and then answered that the Union Sprigs AA meetings are no longer open. It was also noted that Sol Purpose canceled their Friday night meetings.

8:40 Jay walked in with donuts

8:43 It was announced that District elected a new website committee chair. Cushing noted that IG will need to cut a check to District 8.

8:46 12 Step Call Committee

Sherry passed out examples of the info sheets that 12 Step volunteers will fill out. She said the workshop will be January 21 at 10:30. Av suggested it should be noted by the volunteer if they speak sign language or other languages.

8:48 Debra asked about wheelchair accessible group listings on the Central AA meetings schedule. Cushing explained that some groups no longer list this bc of possible litigation for not being fully wheelchair accessible. He said groups should denote that if they wish, but IG should not tell them to do so. A discussion ensued

8:51 Sherry asked if there were any 12 Step Call Committee

questions. Cushing noted a typo on the forms she passed out.

8:52 Keith reported that Trei pit out schedules and that the schedule for the Board of Directors meetings are January 20, April 20, July 21, and October 20 at 1:00p.m. at Legacies.

8:56 No Old Business

8:56 New Business

Cushing asked Myles if he is willing to do serve one more month as treasurer. He asked that we take the treasurer need back to our home groups. It was noted that it would be best for someone with business experience. Keith suggested the qualifications in the Post.

9:04 Keith brought up the wheelchair/handicapped accessible issue again. A lengthy conversation ensued in which Cushing reiterated that it is not IG's job to tell groups what to do. Keith clarified that he just thought it might be a good idea to remind the groups of the issue.

9:12 Cushing closed the meeting with the Responsibility Declaration

**STEP ONE**

**WE ADMITTED THAT WE WERE POWERLESS OVER ALCOHOL— THAT OUR LIVES HAD BECOME UNMANAGEABLE**

It took me over 42 years to “get” Step 1. Drinking was fun for many years, and there were never consequences, at least consequences I’d acknowledge as consequences. Drinking was my solution to living in this skin and feeling a part of the world. I would admit I was a hard drinker (rather proudly) or a problem drinker, but never an alcoholic. The thought that I could be an alcoholic was starting to form since I’d ask my drinking friends if they thought “we” were alcoholics. Normal people don’t do that. The thought was there, but I had yet to concede to my innermost self – that longest bridge exists from my head to my heart.

I never wanted to quit drinking and never attempted it. When I became worried I may have a problem, there were innumerable attempts at trying to control my drinking—never to quit. I tried almost all the ways in the book – limiting the number of drinks, only drinking at certain times, etc. Once I took that first drink, all bets were off. Not taking the first drink was not a consideration. Over and over, I demonstrated to myself I was powerless over alcohol. But, “who cares to admit complete defeat?”

It quit being fun; it became a necessity and I couldn’t imagine life without alcohol. I was an unhappy, miserable human being. Until one night in a moment of clarity, I understood some truth. I know it was God doing for me what I couldn’t do for myself. I’d

had enough and needed help. I didn’t fully understand what I needed help with but knew I couldn’t do it on my own. When I finally accepted my alcoholism, the “We” part of the first step was a tremendous relief. Although I had put myself into treatment, it still took a while to admit I was “powerless” and I still argued the point. It was just semantics—deep in my soul I knew I was powerless.

Being the consummate manager and organizer, the second part of step one—that my life was unmanageable—was difficult. I kept up appearances for so long that I had it all together. My life unraveled so quickly that it became increasingly difficult and then impossible. I had a light bulb moment on understanding and accepting the unmanageability of my life when I read page 52 of the Big Book where it lists the bedevilmings that described my life....“We were having problems with personal relationships, we couldn’t control our emotional natures, we were a prey to misery and depression,” and so on.

We understand this is the only step we have to do 100 percent. There is not even a mustard seed of doubt in my mind that I can ever drink safely again. Today, by the grace of God, I understand I cannot do this by myself. I need God, and I need you. I have a new manager today. One I trust always, although it’s still hard at times to let go of the reins. Thank God for the rest of the steps.

Joni G., Prattville Downtown Group



<http://www.centralAA.org/recovery/twelve-steps/>

**TRADITION ONE**

**OUR COMMON WELFARE SHOULD COME FIRST; PERSONAL RECOVERY DEPENDS UPON A.A. UNITY**

When I was first asked to write my experience, strength, and hope on the Traditions, I was quick to say “No! You have the wrong person.” Later I asked myself “Why not me?”

Tradition 1 starts with “Our”, much like Step 1 starts with “We”. This is extremely important for me to realize that I’m finally a part of something. I am a small part of a greater whole. It also tells me that without maintaining the whole, my personal recovery could vanish.

It didn’t take me long in the Fellowship to realize I had to give wherever and however I could. At first it was making coffee, cleaning tables and bathrooms; things that I could do even in early “shaky” sobriety. Each time I would kept coming back I knew I belonged. I wanted desperately to have what you had. I

watched, listened, and learned from you. I got a sponsor, I worked the steps and I then helped others. It was very clear that this divinely inspired program must continue. I needed to do my part in this group of drunks, so that my children would be afforded the opportunity to recover that I had been given, if they ever found themselves exhausted and hopeless.

In the Forward to the Second Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous it’s stated”...the conviction grew that AAs had to hang together or die separately. We had to unify our Fellowship or pass off the scene.” “Today the remarkable unity of AA is one of the greatest assets that our society has.”

What is my part in keeping the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous open today?

Vicki S., The Legacies Group



<http://www.centralAA.org/unity/the-twelve-traditions/>

**REMINDER OF DISTRICT 8’S TWO WOMEN’S MEETINGS**

**FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

Sundays 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Grace Church at Bell Road

5 Bell Road, Montgomery, AL 36117

<http://www.centralAA.org/fellowship-group/>

**AUTAUGA S.O.S. GROUP**

Saturdays 10:00 am - 11:00 am

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

178 East 4th Street, Prattville, AL 36067

<http://www.centralAA.org/autauga-sos-group/>

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**IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY**

At 20 yrs old I had made life as difficult as possible. I was drinking every day and no matter how bad I wanted to stop, I found that I couldn't. My problems had piled up fast and I had no way of solving them. I knew I couldn't continue to live like this but I didn't know how to live any other way. I was introduced to AA by old drinking buddies and a wonderful CRO (Court Referral Officer). I started going to meetings and saw quickly that the people there had drank like I did. Unfortunately, I failed to work a program of rigorous action, all I did was go to meetings. I thought I was too young to get sober, that even if I tried, it wouldn't work for me.

After several slip ups and more consequences I finally decided that I had nothing to lose. I started working the steps. I knew I was terrible at this so-called "life thing" and that my life was unmanageable. I also knew that God was the answer. To turn

my life over to God's care was a little confusing. I wasn't sure how to do that. Thanks to good sponsorship we just made a decision to continue working the Steps. I took an honest look at myself and put it on paper; went over it with my sponsor. Amends were made. I began to be of service.

I can tell you this, I have been sober for over four years now and I have more fun now young and sober than I ever had while I was drinking. Alcoholics Anonymous has given me a better life than I could ever dream of.

It is never too early to let go and let God!

Alex B., WSIT (We Stopped In Time)



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Must have experience and be able to maintain financial records for the Central office. Duties include, but are not limited to, making deposits, balancing and reporting of accounts, online banking capability.

*Inquiries to Myles W. and/or the Montgomery area Intergroup  
intergroup meets monthly, 1st Saturday at the legacies group, 8 A.M.*

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLVE**

I'm not one for making New Year's resolutions. However, I do like to make some changes in how I think and/or operate for the next year. So, besides some personal stuff that I won't bore you with, I decided to start attending our local Intergroup meetings in January. So here I sit, on a frosty Saturday morning, surrounded by a group of sober alcoholics who are committed to keeping the business of sobriety alive and well in our area.

Introductions are made. The agenda is distributed and the various representatives discuss the workings of their area of responsibility. We hear from the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Hotline, the P.O.S.T., the 12 Step committee, the Central office, and others. This sounds rather dry and boring, right? Not so.

My experience today is that the business of coordinating our AA groups is not a cut and dried proposition. I am not bored by any stretch of the imagination. There is intellectual discussion, the occasional joke, lots of laughter, and solutions to the problems we face as individual groups coming together to solve our common problems. We are not a glum lot, even in business meetings.

We are all charged with carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic, no matter how much sobriety any of us have under our belts. To do this, I highly recommend getting involved. Just show up. I'm really glad I did today and I am pretty sure it will help me stay sober, one day at a time.

Jill Z., Happy Hour Group



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**APRIL 13-15, 2018**

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## Birthdays

### FELLOWSHIP GROUP

BRANDON W	12/24/2013	4 YRS
JEFFERY W	12/18/2007	10 YRS
JOSH L	12/2/2014	3 YRS
ROBERT C	12/1/2008	9 YRS
ROD L	12/27/2014	3 YRS
JUDY S	12/31/2005	12 YRS
<b>Total</b>		<b>41 Years</b>

### PRATTVILLE DOWNTOWN GROUP

JIM R	12/23/1995	22 YRS
MECHEL	12/2/1982	35 YRS
<b>Total</b>		<b>57 Years</b>

### CHISHOLM GROUP

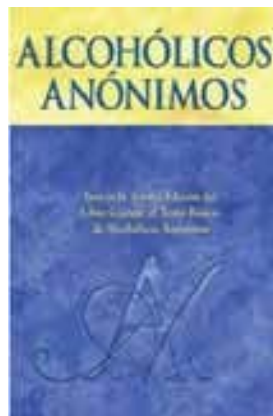
BILL N.	12/27/1982	35 YEARS
THERESA G.	12/13/1993	25 YEARS
<b>Total</b>		<b>60 Years</b>

### HAPPY HOUR GROUP

JOHN S.	12/1/2009	8 YEARS
VICKI B.	12/3/1999	18 YEARS
JAMES B.	12/7/2004	13 YEARS
JIMMY W.	12/23/1997	20 YEARS
RON C.	12/26/2000	7 YEARS
<b>Total</b>		<b>66 Years</b>

**Total for November 224 Years!**

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*Desde su publicación en 1939, este texto básico ha ayudado a millones de hombres y mujeres a recuperarse del alcoholismo.*

Actualmente disponible en la Tercera Edición aprobada por la Conferencia de Servicios Generales, el Libro Grande contiene las historias de los cofundadores, y de muchos miembros de diversa procedencia que han encontrado la recuperación en la Comunidad mundial.

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**MONTGOMERY INTERGROUP DIRECTORY OF A.A.® GROUP MEETINGS***Meeting Schedule: July 31, 2017*

Montgomery Intergroup Central Office 24/7 Hotline 334-264-4122

Group/Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>MONTGOMERY</b>							
<b>12 Steps Group of AA</b> Heritage Baptist Church, Rm 127 1849 Perry Hill Road		C-D-ST-BG 6p					
<b>A Vision for You Group of AA</b> Baptist Health Training Entrance 2010 Normandie Dr.			O-D 7p				
<b>Chapter 9 Group of AA</b> CAP Auditorium 1153 Air Base Boulevard						O-D 1:30p	O-D 1:30p
<b>Chisholm Group of AA</b> 1409 Federal Drive	C-D-Sm 12p C-ST-Sm 6p	C-D-Sm 12p C-D-Sm 6p	C-D-Sm 12p C-L-Sm 6p	C-D-Sm 12p C-D-Sm 6p	C-D-Sm 12p C-D-Sm 6p	C-D-Sm 6p	O-S 6p
<b>Fellowship Group of AA</b> Grace Church at Bell Road 5 Bell Road (Corner of Bell Rd & Atlanta Hwy)	C-L & BG * 6p	C-D-BG * 6p		C-D-BG * 6p	C-L & BG * 6p	O-S 6p	C-D * 2p C-D Women's Mtg 6p
<b>Happy Hour Group of AA</b> 3466 Eastdale Circle (Next to Fortis College)	C-D 6:30a 12p & 6p	C-D 6:30a & 12p C-L 6p	C-D 6:30a C-L 12p C-D 6p	C-D 6:30a & 12p O-BG 6p	C-D 6:30a 12p & 6pm O-S 7p 1st Friday	C-D 12p	C-D 12p O-D 6pm
<b>The Legacies Group of AA</b> 3412 Atlanta Highway (Enter on Forest Hills Dr)	C-D 12p & 6p	C-L 12p	C-D 12p O-S 8p	C-D 12p	C-D 12p C-D-CL 8p		C-D 9a
<b>Living Sober Group of AA</b> Mental Health Building 1116 South Hull Street	C-D 6p		C-D 6p				
<b>Sole Purpose Group of AA</b> 22 North California Street	C-D 8p		C-D 8p	C-L 8p	C-D 8p		C-D 8p
<b>Strange Camels Group of AA</b> Immanuel Presbyterian Church 8790 Vaughn Road	C-L 7p	C-D 7p		C-D 7p			
<b>Tradition Three Group of AA</b> 386 St. Luke's Drive Bradford Health Services building	O-D 11a	O-D 11a	O-D 11a	O-D 11a	O-D 11a		
<b>We Stopped in Time Group of AA</b> Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church (rear entrance, downstairs) 2810 Atlanta Highway		O-D 8p YP				O-D 8p YP	
<b>AUTAUGAVILLE</b>							
<b>Autaugaville Group of AA</b> Church of Christ, 2408 Hwy 14 W				O-D 6p			O-D 6p
<b>CLANTON</b>							
<b>Clanton Group of AA</b> Trinity Episcopal Church 503 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. S, Clanton, Al 35045	O-D 7p			O-L 12p		O-D 7p	
<b>GREENVILLE</b>							
<b>Camellia City Group of AA</b> Greenville Housing Authority 601 Beeland St, 36037 334-437-2015 or 334-662-7129	C-D 7p			C-D * 7p			
<b>HOPE HULL</b>							
<b>County Hope Group of AA</b> Hope Hull United Methodist Church 305 Wasden Road (Silver trailer behind church)		O-D 6p					

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**MONTGOMERY INTERGROUP DIRECTORY OF A.A. GROUP MEETINGS**

Group/Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>MAPLESVILLE</b>							
Maplesville Group of AA Highway 139, PO Box231, 36750					O-D 8p O-S 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri.		C-D 8p
<b>MILLBROOK</b>							
Primary Purpose Group of AA Church of the Nazarene, Fellowship Hall 3251 Browns Road		O-D 6p		O-D 6p			
<b>PRATTVILLE</b>							
Autauga S.O.S. Group of AA St. Mark's Episcopal Church 178 East 4th Street	O-L 12p	C-D 12p		C-D 12p	C-D 12p	C-D Women's Mtg 10a	
Prattville Downtown Group of AA 326 West 5th Street	O-S 6:30p	O-BG 6:30p	O-D 12p C-D 6:30p	C-D 6:30a C-L 6:30p	O-ST-S 6:30p	C-D 12p O-D-Cl 6:30p	O-D 12p C-ST 6:30p
<b>SELMA</b>							
5th Tradition Group of AA West End Baptist Church 504 Cahaba Rd 36701					C-D 6:00p		
Selma Group of AA Courthouse, Alabama Ave & Lauderdale St	O-D 12:30p	O-D 6p	O-D 12:30p	O-D 6p	O-D 12:30p		O-D 6p
Selma Men's Group of AA St Paul's Episcopal Church 210 Lauderdale Street	C 6p		C 6p				
<b>TALLASSEE</b>							
Ray of Hope Group of AA 2872 Kent Road, Kent	O-L 7p		C-D 7p		O-D 7p		C-D 3p
12&12 Group of AA E. Tallassee United Methodist Church 101 Central Blvd, East Tallassee		O-ST * 7p					
Ray of Hope Group of AA 2872 Kent Road, Kent	O-L 7p		C-D 7p		O-D 7p		C-D 3p
12&12 Group of AA E. Tallassee United Methodist Church 101 Central Blvd, East Tallassee		O-ST * 7p					
<b>UNION SPRINGS</b>							
Bullock County Hospital Detox Unit 102 Conecuh Ave Union Springs, AL	O-D 7p		O-D 7p				
<b>WETUMPKA</b>							
Free World Group of AA Elmore Co. Extension Office, metal bldg Highway 14, Queen Ann Road					C-D 7:30p		
Wetumpka Group of AA 103 West Tuskeena St.	C-D * 7p						O-D 6p

**Legend**

**O = Open Meeting** (for anyone interested in the AA program)

**C = Closed Meeting** (attendance limited to those with a desire to stop drinking)

- D = Discussion      Sp = Speaker      L = Literature Study (BB, 12/12, or Other)      St = Step Study
- Cl= Candlelight      W = Women's Meeting      LGBT = Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Transgendered      BG = Beginners
- Sm = Smoking      YP = Young People & Young at Heart      \* = Al-Anon Meets Simultaneously      \*\* = Alateen Meets Simultaneously

*Montgomery Intergroup provides this schedule of A.A. group meetings in this service area to member groups, individual A.A. members, and appropriate interested parties. A listing in this schedule does not imply approval or endorsement of any group's approach to or practice of the traditional A.A. program.*

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**CONCEPT I**

**THE FINAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ULTIMATE AUTHORITY FOR A.A. WORLD SERVICES SHOULD ALWAYS RESIDE IN THE COLLECTIVE CONSCIENCE OF OUR WHOLE FELLOWSHIP.**

Initially, when I volunteered to explain the concepts for the post, I was confident and maybe a touch overzealous. Having just learned of the concepts in *Language of The Heart...* It was only recently, that I discovered what I had actually covered in my book study were the 12 Traditions. We will be learning this together over the next 12 months.

With the mushrooming that AA underwent Bill W created a trusteeship called the Alcoholic Foundation. Later renamed the General Service Board. It's main responsibilities are to do for the groups as a whole what they could only struggle to accomplish separately. Essential functions regarding uniformity of literature and public information, helping new groups get started, fielding groups pleas for help. Anyone could at to this list at infinitum. but we wont. And also you couldn't. The service office was created to help the groups under the supervision of the Board. Both of which were closely guided by Dr. Bob and Bill.

Concept 1 sprang from the illness that befell Dr. Bob. Up until this point the Office and Board consulted with Bill and Dr. Bob to ensure the integrity of AA was being upheld. Seeing that, Bill decided that it would be better to allow the collective group conscious to shape the direction that AA was to direct itself. Thus creating one of the truest forms of democratic process I've witnessed in my life. Essentially, it is the groups who help both the Board and the Office to better serve AA as a whole.

At it's most base form and understanding, concept I means to hold the structure of AA in an upside down triangle with the groups collective conscious being the chief actuator of the goings on of AA World Services. This means to say that, if a change to better serve the still suffering alcoholic should come about, that change is delivered from what we would assume the bottom of

the totem pole.

As with any society, our strivings to perfection are punctuated by mistakes along the way. In most recent history AA World Service entered into a lawsuit\* over the auction of the original manuscript written by Bill W. While one could only hope this action had been given careful thought and consideration, the action taken was in direct violation of Concept 1, and Traditions 2,10, and 11. (I'm sure that I'm overlooking one or two for all you AA nerds out there.) At any rate, had AA as a whole voted to take lawful action, AAWS would have been acting in accordance with Concept I. Alas, this was not the case, therefore the groups have the right pull their support of the Board in such situations. (For the sake of brevity I'm skimming the surface of this example.) Thankfully, we, as a society, get to grow in experience from such situations as the present themselves.

In essence, Concept I is, but a bit of, the glue that holds the vision of what Dr. Bob and Bill W. had for AA together. Without it, AA would crumble as a society and fall prey to schism and power struggle. I know I speak for more than myself when I feel thankful for the diligent care that was placed in the formation of this program. It keeps AA autonomous and best able to serve the still suffering alcoholics to join us on the Broad Highway. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.



Travis M., WSIT (We Stopped In Time)

\*The case is Alcoholics Anonymous World Services Inc v Roberts et al, New York State Supreme Court, New York County, No. 652676/2017.

<http://www.centralAA.org/service/twelve-concepts/>

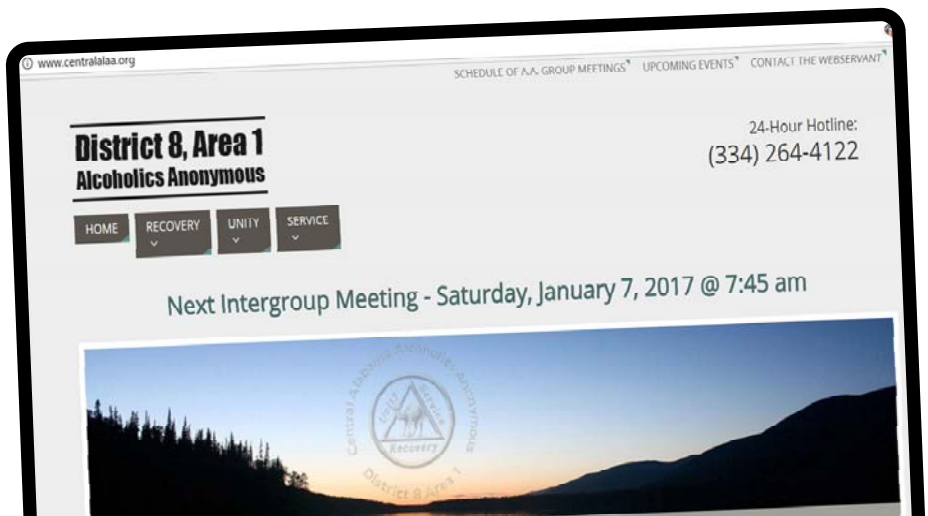
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# 47<sup>TH</sup> GULF COAST ROUNDUP

## February 9, 10, and 11, 2018



On the Gulf Coast of Okaloosa Island at the Ramada Plaza Beach Resort between Ft. Walton Beach and Destin, FL.  
1500 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE (Hwy 98E.), Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548, 850-243-9161 or [1-800-874-8962](tel:1-800-874-8962)

**Hotel reservations must be made by Jan 9<sup>th</sup> to ensure these rates, and please state Gulf Coast Roundup.**

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or Text them to 850-865-1660**

**Scheduled speakers:**

- 4:30 Fri:    **LOCAL (AA)**
- 8:00 Fri:    **Betty Ann Z. (AlAnon) West Hills, CA**
- \*10:00 Sat: **“Bill W. w/ Gail L. (AA) The Villages FL**
- \*4:00 Sat:    **“Lois W. w/ Gail L. (AA) The Villages FL**
- 8:00 Sat:    **Bob Z. (AA) West Hills, CA**
- 9:30 Sun:    **John H. (AA) Sanford, FL**

\*Saturday: Gail ‘conversing’ with Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob... and also ‘The Women Behind the Men’ with Lois, Anne, and others conversing with Gail....a complete Multi-Media Experience from our retired Akron Archivist..!!!

You are invited to spend the weekend on the beach with us to enjoy the fellowship our roundup provides. Meeting Room holds 350 people on the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Ramada Plaza Resort. This spectacular view also has the famous and very large hospitality area with plenty of tables and chairs, Food Items, snacks, coffee, and soft drinks, to accommodate fellowship between events. The beautiful Gulf Beach on the South...with the Choctawhatchee Bay to the North will be the backdrop for this wonderful conference...!! Enjoy Heated Swimming Pool and Exercise facility...(and yes...we have requested our famous Dolphins to appear again...!!)

**VOICE: John Van E. (Montgomery, AL)**

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<b>Alateen Speaker:</b>	Keaton H. Frankton, IN

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